Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education

Pascack Valley High School – Pascack Valley Auditorium

Executive Session - 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA February 6, 2023

Meeting Regulations

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education members, district administration, and staff will treat parents/guardians and other members of the public with respect and expect the same consideration in return. The district is committed to maintaining orderly processes for keeping school and district events free from disruption. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings, including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard, if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the President unless the majority of the Board present and voting, rule otherwise.

During this regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to make comments. In order for a citizen to make a comment, they must be physically present at the meeting. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments regarding agenda items are invited. The second opportunity will occur just prior to adjournment, when residents may address general comments to the Board.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and town of residence. Comments shall be limited to issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer shall require the speaker to sit down.

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph Blundo, President

Mrs. Gini Varghese, Vice President

Dr. Kelly Blundy

Ms. Elizabeth Calderone

Mr. Pat Luisi

Mrs. Kristin Martin

Mr. James Stankus

Ms. Debra Stephans

Mr. Michael Weaver

Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Student Representatives Olivia Ge - PHHS

Isabella Velez - PVHS

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON February 6, 2023

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Pascack Valley High School, 200 Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, for the purpose of recessing to a closed Executive Session.

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has been formed pursuant to applicable New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with the responsibility of performing all acts and doing all things, consistent with law and the rules of the State Board of Education, necessary for the lawful and proper conduct, equipment and maintenance of the public schools and public school property of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Opening Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10-4-12) permits the exclusion of the public ("Executive Session") from a meeting of the Board in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that circumstances exist for such an Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found the action described below to be necessary and proper; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board on the date indicated above that:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action on the Executive Session herein set forth.

The subject matters to be discussed are as follows:

- 1. Personnel
- 2, Possible HIBs

The Board will return to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Official action may or may not be taken when the Board reconvenes to Public Session.

III. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing copies of said notice to The Record, filing copies of said notice with the municipal clerks of Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale, and Woodcliff Lake, and publishing said notice in The Record on August 15, 2022.

IV. ROUTINE MATTERS

Monthly Reports

Superintendent Report: Milestones

V. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education minutes:

January 23, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 23, 2023	Executive Meeting	7:04 p.m.

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VI. STUDENT RECOGNITION

First Team All Bergen County

WHEREAS, Emily Sailer, a senior at Pascack Hills High School, was selected to the First Team All Bergen County Girls Soccer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education recognize and commend Emily for her outstanding achievement.

College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program

WHEREAS, Brianna Finch, a junior at Pascack Valley High School received the College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program award.

Students may be eligible for the National Recognition Programs if they have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more Advanced Placement Exams, and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, recognize and commend Brianna for her outstanding achievement.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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VIII. **POLICY**

Consent Agenda for Item 1

1. HIB Report

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education approve action taken pursuant to HIB Report # 239835.

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IX. EDUCATION

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 2

1. Overnight Trip

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve an overnight trip for Pascack Hills High School DECA members, advisor Corin Gamgort, and chaperones, to travel to the DECA State Competition in Atlantic City, NJ from February 27 – March 1, 2023.

2. New Students

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve and welcome staff member ID # 0802's child, to attend Pascack Valley High School as a ninth grader starting the 2023-2024 school year tuition free per PVREA contract.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve and welcome staff member ID # 1202's child, to attend Pascack Valley High School as a ninth grader starting the 2023-2024 school year tuition free per PVREA contract.

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X. HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the superintendent, after considering the recommendation of her administrative staff which included consideration of experience, credentials, and references for the following candidates for employment in the school district, has determined that the appointment of these individuals is appropriate and in the best interest of the school district,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, appoint the following individuals to the positions indicated, as provided by the budget, in accord with terms of the employment specified:

Note: Appointment of new personnel to the district is provisional subject to:

- 1. Authorization from the State Department regarding a criminal background check and/or authorization from the Bergen County Superintendent's Office for emergent hiring; and
- 2. A medical examination including satisfactory results of the Mantoux tuberculin skin test; and
- 3. Valid certification appropriate for his/her employment or assignment in New Jersey; and
- 4. Disclosure and review of applicants' employment history within the statutory time period.

Consent Agenda for Items 1-12

1. Rescind Motion

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, rescind the following motion previously Board approved on December 12, 2022:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Argine Safari	Interim Supervisor of Instruction for the World Language, FACS, Music, and ELL Departments, District	\$135,959 plus \$3,500 longevity, prorated, Step 1, interim, per PVRSA contract	January 20, 2023 - December 15, 2023

2. Leave Replacements

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following individual as acting supervisor of instruction while employee #1830 is on leave:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Argine Safari	Acting Supervisor of Instruction for the World Language, FACS, Music, and ELL Departments, District	Stipend \$19,784	January 20, 2023 - December 15, 2023

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, appoint the following individual as a long-term leave replacement for employees #1950 and #1838:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Stephanie Abatayo	PVHS and PHHS School Social Worker, long-term leave replacement	\$54,775 BA Step 1, prorated with health benefits	March 23, 2023 - November 19, 2023

c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, appoint the following individual as leave replacement for employee #2190:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
Robert Buccino	PHHS Teacher of Science, leave replacement	\$400 per diem, without health benefits	February 13-17 2023 and March 6 - 8, 2023

3. Support Staff Member Termination

RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education acknowledges the termination of employment of employee #2547, by virtue of employee #2547's abandonment of position, due to her employment in a full-time position as a custodian in another public school district, effective January 24, 2023.

4. Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following permanent substitute teacher in the area of music at PVHS for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Salary
Catherine Corcoran	\$150 per day Pending CEAS certification, once obtained, compensation will be \$68,275 MA 45 Step 1, plus Ph.D. prorated, no health benefits

5. Additional Period

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Eric Ganz, PHHS Special Education Teacher, to provide "full time" collaborative support for his U.S. History I section. This support is being put in place for student ID #812544, as per student's IEP, who requires the additional support. Mr. Ganz is currently assigned to be in class every other day. He should receive one-fourth an additional class stipend (\$2,500) as he will now be full-time in this course for the second semester.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Jonathan Rose, PVHS History Teacher, to work an additional sixth period assignment in financial literature for the second semester, 2022-2023 school year.

6. Home Instruction

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID # 812309 for 4 weeks starting on January 16, 2023.

Teacher	Subject	Frequency
Christine Back	Photography	1 hour per week
Anthony Judilla	Chemistry	1 hour per week
Bill Weigel	Physical Education 10/Health	1 hour per week
Jimena Ladino	Spanish 10	1 hour per week
Deborah Ragone	US History 1	1 hour per week

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve home instruction for student ID # 812422 for 4 weeks starting on January 16, 2023.

Teacher	Subject	Frequency
Bonnie Slockett	English I	1 hour per week
Marisa Mathias	US History I	1 hour per week
Anthony Judilla	Chemistry	1 hour per week
Bill Weigel	Physical Education 10/Health	1 hour per week

7. Chaperones

a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following chaperones for the DECA State Competition overnight trip:

Name	Event	Dates	Event Chaperone Rate
Paul Henry	DECA, Atlantic City	February 27, 2023 - March 1, 2023	\$80 per overnight
Evan Lampert	DECA, Atlantic City	February 27, 2023 - March 1, 2023	\$80 per overnight
Alexandra Pfleging	DECA, Atlantic City	February 27, 2023 - March 1, 2023	\$80 per overnight
Lindsay Runge	DECA, Atlantic City	February 27, 2023 - March 1, 2023	\$80 per overnight
Nick Scerbo	DECA, Atlantic City	February 27, 2023 - March 1, 2023	\$80 per overnight

b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following chaperones for the Pascack Valley High School junior prom on March 22, 2023:

Al Cann	Cindy Reese	Ron Villone
Dorely Leal-Drago	Christopher Nilsen	

8. Athletic Appointments

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following athletic appointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Team	Position	Stipend/Step
Maia Levenshus	PVHS Girls Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$6,580/Step 2
Adam Ballard	PHHS Spring Track and Field	Assistant Coach	\$7,110/Step 3
Olivia Payne	PHHS Spring Track and Field	Assistant Coach	\$7,110/Step 3
Jordan Saxon	PHHS Boys Tennis	JV Assistant Coach	\$5,940/Step 3
Daniel Phillips	PVHS Boys Tennis	Head Coach	\$7,525/Step 3
Ken DelSanto	PVHS Boys Tennis	Assistant Coach	\$5,940/Step 3

9. Athletic Resignations

- a. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Danielle Dellapi, PHHS Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- b. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Daniel Phillips, PHHS JV Boys Tennis Coach, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- c. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Michael Curatola, PHHS Assistant Softball Coach, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- d. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Joseph McCarten, PHHS Assistant Spring Track and Field Coach, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- e. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Stacie Gallo, PHHS Assistant Spring Track and Field Coach, for the 2022-2023 school year.

f. **RESOLVED** that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept with regret, the resignation of Evan Lampert, PHHS Assistant Spring Track and Field Coach, for the 2022-2023 school year.

10. Region II - ABA Behavior Consultant

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Stephanie Kearney as a Region II ABA behavior consultant at the hourly rate of \$50 for the 2022-2023 school year.

11. Region II - Independent Neuropsychological Evaluator

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Dr. Carlea Dries to join Region II as a neuropsychologist at the rate of \$3,000-\$4,000 per school neuropsychological evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year.

12. Region II - Independent Evaluators

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following independent evaluators who will provide evaluations and direct service for Region II districts for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Service	Per Evaluation Rate	Hourly Rate for Group Sessions	Hourly Rate for Individual Sessions and Meetings	
Lauren Conrad	Speech-Language Therapist	\$450	\$87	\$77	
Ronnit Rich	Speech-Language Therapist	\$450	\$87	\$77	
Nicole Young	Learning Consultant (LDTC)	\$450	NA	\$77	

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XI. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1 - 11

1. Approval of Bills

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve bills as follows:

Budget Expenditures as of February 6, 2023	\$5,871,369.06
Payroll as of January 31, 2023	\$1,751,500.68
Total	\$7,622,869.74

2. Travel Pre-Authorizations

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve travel expense pre-authorizations for the following:

Dana Amato	Mary Jo Callanan	Steve Casamento	Jonathan Moran
Steven Papa	Amdi Ramani	Joseph Spafford	

3. Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services - Joint Agreement Between Region II and Non-Member District

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and the Non-Member District, Edgewater Public Schools for Independent Child Study Team Therapy Evaluations and/or Services for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

4. Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training Agreement Between Region II and Non-Member Districts

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and Non-Member District, Ridgewood Public Schools for Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

5. West Bergen Mental Healthcare

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the agreement between Region II and West Bergen Mental Healthcare for the period August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as follows:

Assessment completed by:	Rate
LSW/LCSW or LAC/LPC or Psychologist	\$179
Advance Practice Nurse	\$230

6. **Donation**

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, accept the following donation:

Date	Donor	Donation	Club or Group		
01/12/23	CellMark, Inc.	\$500	Robotics Team		

7. Approve Change Order 001 -Berto Construction Inc.

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education, at the recommendation of the superintendent, approve change order 001 submitted by Berto Construction, Inc. for the Exterior Barrier Free Ramp and Stair Replacement at Pascack Valley High School. This change order in the amount of \$19,182.00 will decrease the contract sum as a portion of the allowance was not used. Furthermore, this change order has been reviewed and approved by Edwards Engineering Group.

Original Contract Amount	\$156,328.00
Previously Authorized Change Order	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$156,328.00
Contract Sum will decrease by Change Order 001, unused allowance	\$19,182.00
Revised Contract Amount	\$137,146.00
\$20,000 Project Allowance Balance	\$0.00

8. Extraordinary Aid

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education has received Special Education Extraordinary Aid for FY 2021-2022 in the amount of \$989,545; and

WHEREAS, \$989,545 was not appropriated during FY 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(d)6 that allows a district board of education to appropriate surplus generated from any Federal and/or State revenue excluded from the excess surplus calculation in the pre-budget year in accordance with the annual audit program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the transfer of \$989,545 of Other State Aid Revenue to the district's General Fund account, and appropriate to the following:

\$600,000 to 11-000-270-515-05-000 Transportation Contracted Services Jointures Special Education;

\$189,545 to 11-000-291-270-05-000 Health Insurance; and

\$200,000 to 11-000-100-566-05-000 Tuition Special Education – In State Private

9. Submission (ROD) Grant application - D-wing Roof Replacement at PH and Window Replacement at PV

RESOLVED that the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education at the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant application submission of the D-wing Roof Replacement at Pascack Hills High School and the Window Replacement (200 wing hallway, cafeteria, kitchen, and wellness center) at Pascack Valley High School to the Office of School Facilities Projects.

10. **Reject Bids - A-wing HVAC Replacement at Pascack Hills High School WHEREAS**, on January 9, 2023, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District
Board of Education ("Board") advertised for bids for the A-wing HVAC Replacement
at Pascack Hills High School ("Project");

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2023, the Board received and publicly opened one bid for the Project;

WHEREAS, the purported low bidder, Teo Technologies, Inc. ("Teo"), submitted a bid in the amount of \$318,000.00, which was substantially over the engineer's budget estimate for the Project and unreasonable as to price.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rejects one bid received for the Project because the bid substantially exceeded cost estimates and were unreasonable as to price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is hereby authorized to re-advertise the Project, in the best interests of the School District.

11. Milestones Variance

WHEREAS, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education ("Board") operates an 18-21 year old Life Skills Program, known as Milestones @ PVR Program ("Program") on the first floor of property located at 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, New Jersey ("Property");

WHEREAS, a D(1) use variance was granted by the Hillsdale Planning Board to allow the Board to operate the Program at the property for no more than twelve students;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide services to more than twelve students in the Program;

WHEREAS, the second floor of the Property will be available by the Owner and the Board is interested in leasing the second floor to operate the Program for additional students on the second floor; and

WHEREAS, a variance is required to operate the Program for more than twelve students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the filing of an application for a use variance and other variance that may be needed with the Borough of Hillsdale Planning Board to use the second floor of the premises at 63 Patterson Street, Hillsdale for the Program and to operate the Program for more than twelve students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator is authorized to sign the application and any related documents on behalf of the Board.

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XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

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